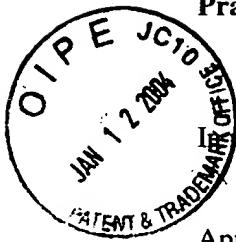


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In re application of: Dean L. Kamen, Kevin Lee Grant, Larry B. Gray, Charles M. Grinnell, Brian Daniel Tracey, Fredric A. Newman, and Martin J. Kaplitt

Application No.: 09/703,532

Group No.: 3743

Filed: 11/01/2000

Examiner: Orland, Kathryn

For: Endarterectomy Surgical Instrument

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicant is other than a small entity.

EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

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4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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5. An additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. 19-4972.

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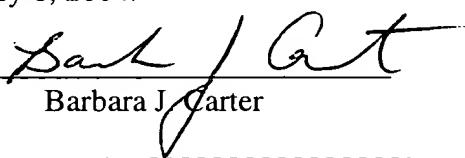
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RESPONSE 

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Office Action of October, 8, 2003, and ask that the following amendments be entered.

Amendments to the Claims begins on p. 2 of this paper.

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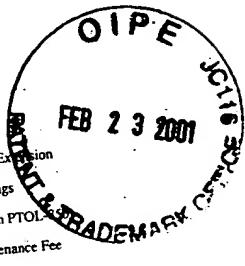
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